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A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:  
parsing input source information into elements;  
identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria;  
designating said placeable elements by type.

1 2. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising the step of :  
3 determining a source locale.

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3. A method for processing source information according to claim 2,  
further comprising the step of :  
applying a source placeable identifier to determine said type of said  
element.

1 4. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising the step of :  
3 determining a target locale.

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5. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of  
said element.

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- 1 6. A method for processing source information according to claim 2,  
2 further comprising the step of :  
3 applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

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7. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
3 converting said element into a language-independent format.

- 1 8. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising the steps of :  
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;  
4 placing said placeable directly into a target output.

- 1 9. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising the steps of :  
3 determining whether said placeable is a date;  
4 converting said date into a target information according to a  
5 target locale information.

- 1 10. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising the steps of :  
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;  
4 converting said placeable into a language independent format.

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11. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the steps of :  
determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;  
converting said placeable into a meta-representation.
12. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the steps of :  
determining whether said placeable is a date;  
converting said placeable into a language independent format.
13. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
determining whether said placeable requires conversion.
14. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
determining whether said placeable is a proper noun.
15. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
determining whether said placeable is a date.
16. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,  
further comprising the step of :  
determining output requirement for conversions.

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17. A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:  
a parser;  
an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;  
a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier.

18. A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:  
a parser for parsing source information into elements;  
an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria;  
a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type.

19. A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:  
segmenting input source information into elements;  
identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria;  
designating said placeable elements by type.

20. A method for processing source information according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:  
comparing said placeable elements to a data set.

21. A method for processing source information according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:  
comparing said placeable elements by type to a data set.